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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2005 ("Action"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. The period for responding expires on February 23, 2006. Thus, this response is timely filed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants request the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.